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The Honorable Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, Docket No. 05-0002
Confidential Responses to Public Utilities Commission Information
Requests, PUC-IR-42 to PUC-IR-50

To the Honorable Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii:

Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, a Hawaii corporation, ("Tesoro Hawaii") respectfully submits its enclosed confidential responses. These responses contain confidential information to be viewed only by the Commission and the Consumer Advocate pursuant to the requirements of Protective Order No. 21669, filed on March 1, 2005. The responses to the Commission's Information Requests are comprised of internal Tesoro Hawaii proprietary information, data, analysis and/or computations. Tesoro Hawaii considers the entirety of its response to be confidential, business sensitive, trade secrets, and proprietary information the disclosure of which would: (1) disadvantage Tesoro Hawaii because it touches upon Tesoro Hawaii's and/or its customers' privacy, (2) violates certain laws regulations and guidelines, (3) violates the terms and conditions of non-disclosure agreements with consultants or other third parties, (4) directly or indirectly gives another Party or person not a party to these proceedings information which the Party or person, could use to its competitive advantage and/or the competitive disadvantage of Tesoro Hawaii and/or Tesoro Hawaii's customers. The confidential information that comprises this response is not information that Tesoro Hawaii would normally disclose to its competitors, customers or suppliers and is not to be distributed. Tesoro Hawaii considers this response to contain sensitive information that should not be copied by anyone.

Given the Company's ongoing efforts to fulfill the State's ethanol mandate, Tesoro Hawaii respectfully reserves the right to supplement its confidential responses on a continuing basis as new information becomes available. Concurrently with its filing of responses with the Commission, Tesoro Hawaii is delivering to the Consumer Advocate a copy of its information request responses containing the confidential information.

Tesoro Hawaii appreciates the opportunity to be a part of the Commission's docket to examine the issues and requirements raised by, and contained in, HRS 486H, especially given the importance and complexity of the ethanol-related issues. Tesoro Hawaii looks forward to further contribution to the Commission's review.

Sincerely,

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Shell Oil Company (w/o encl)
Hawaii Petroleum Marketers Association (w/o encl)